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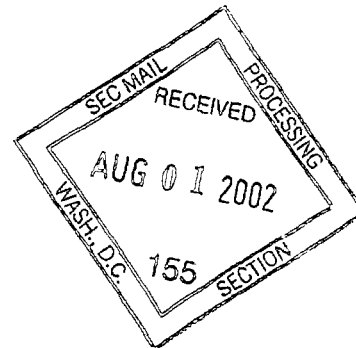
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

18 July 2002



LIHIR GOLD LIMITED

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Niugini Mining (Australia) Pty Ltd ("NMA"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Lihir Gold Limited, has sold its interest in its Red Dome mining leases and exploration tenements to Kagara Zinc Limited. The sale is subject to ministerial approval.

The sale follows NMA's ownership resumption of the Red Dome leases in December 2000. Since then, NMA has restored environmental excellence and maintained the site in accordance with its Plan of Operations. Once ministerial approval is received, NMA will be pleased to hand over the site to Kagara Zinc Limited, who will maintain the high level of environmental performance associated with the Red Dome mine.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

LIHIR GOLD LIMITED

By:  _____

 Name: Rod Antal

Title: Company Secretary